## INTERVIEW SUMMARY Work Assignment ES002 Lower Darby Creek Area Site





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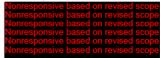
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Type of Interview:

In-Person

Date of Interview:

August 27, 2001

On August 27, 2001, the WITNESS was interviewed at his residence by of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for private citizens.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Site and this map was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association.

The WITNESS stated that he lived on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street just off of Lindburgh Blvd, in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia from 1958 to 1970. The WITNESS stated that truck access to Clearview was on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and that he observed heavy truck traffic going into Clearview during the entire time he lived on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street. The WITNESS stated that he went to Clearview on numerous occasions to complain about fires.

When asked to explain the fires at Clearview, the WITNESS stated that on an almost daily basis he could see thick white smoke coming from Clearview. He indicated that he and his neighbors were concerned about air pollution and he would often go the Clearview to investigate the nature of the fires and to complain to Clearview employees.

The WITNESS stated that he was always told that the fires were "paper fires" and that these paper fires smoldered continuously.

When asked the names of the Clearview employees that he spoke to about the fires, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall any names. When asked if he saw Richard Heller at Clearview, the WITNESS stated he did see Mr. Heller on some occasions and that if Heller was there he would complain to Heller.

The WITNESS was asked if he had observed any drums or liquid waste being disposed of at Clearview. The WITNESS stated that he recalls observing a dump truck dumping 55-gallon drums on Clearview on one occasion. He indicated that the drums were disposed of by the following company:

Paolino Company: The WITNESS stated that a Mr. Paolino, unknown first name, owns Paolino Company. He indicated that this Company operates as a transfer station and is located at the corner of 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Passyunk Avenue in Philadelphia. The WITNESS stated that this Company is still in business. The Witness stated that he did not know what these drums contained.

The WITNESS stated that a Company known as Fels-Naptha also disposed of liquid waste at Clearview and provided the following information.

 Fels- Naptha Company (FN): The WITNESS stated that FN was a manufacturing company located on 84<sup>th</sup> Street. He indicated that FN produced lye soap and disposed of a white liquid soap at Clearview. He indicated that FN also disposed of this substance into the Cobbs Creek, which bordered the FN property, and at Clearview.

The WITNESS was asked to describe the trucks that entered the Clearview Landfill from 83<sup>rd</sup> Street. The WITNESS stated that numerous types of trucks entered Clearview including roll-off trucks and trash trucks of all sizes. The WITNESS stated that he did not take notice of any names of the trucks and could not recall specific names of the companies that owned the trucks. He indicated that the only specific trash trucks he recalls was the City of Philadelphia trash trucks. He indicated that the Philadelphia City trash trucks disposed of waste at Clearview numerous times each day.

When asked if Clearview was fenced in, the WITNESS stated no. He indicated that the property was open and accessible to anyone. When asked if there was an entrance shack or weigh station, the WITNESS stated not to his knowledge.

When asked if he was aware of dumping waste at night at Clearview, the WITNESS stated yes. He indicated that he could hear trucks on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street going to Clearview all hours of the night.

When asked the names of any employees that worked at Clearview, the WITNESS stated that he did not know anyone's specific name. When asked the names of any truck drivers that disposed of waste at Clearview, the WITNESS stated that he knows one individual that disposed of waste on a frequent basis. He indicated that this individual was a close friend and that he would ask this individual permission to provide his name.

When asked if he was familiar with any drum recycling companies of trash transfer stations operating at Clearview, the WITNESS stated yes. He indicated that an individual known as DeLorenzo owned and operated a steel drum recycling Company that operated out of Clearview. He indicated that he does not know where the drums came from or if DeLorenzo disposed of the drums at Clearview.

The Witness was asked if he had any knowledge of the following companies.

- Bob O'Donnell Steel Drum Commany
- Graves Resources

The WITNESS stated that he did not have any information about these companies.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the	e foregoing is true and correct."	
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